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SUBJ: SOMALI DELEGATION VISITS SAUDI ARABIA

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1. SOMALI DELEGATION HEADED BY REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL MEMBER AND MIN LIVESTOCK, MAJOR USMAN MOHAMMED GELLE, ARRIVED JIDDA AUGUST 31. DELEGATION ALSO INCLUDED MIN FOREIGN TRADE AND GOVERNOR CENTRAL BANK. MAJOR GELLE CARRIED A LETTER FROM REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ZIAD BARRE TO KING FAISAL WHICH HE DELIVERED DURING SEPTEMBER 1 MEETING. GROUP MET LATER SAME DAY WITH CROWN PRINCE KHALID.

2. SEPTEMBER 2 DELEGATION WAS RECEIVED BY MIN DEFENSE AND AVIATION PRINCE SULTAN. (THIS MEETING TOOK PLACE
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HALF HOUR AFTER LENGTHY MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND

SULTAN WHICH LATTER HAD REQUESTED SPECIFICALLY TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF SECURITY ON THE HORN OF AFRICA AND TO REQUEST US EVALUATION OF THE SITUATION THERE.) (REFTEL).

3. ACCORDING TO THE DIRECTOR OF EASTERN AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, THE SOMALI DELEGATION ARRIVED SUDDENLY, HAVING INFORMED SAG OF ITS PLANS THE SAME MORNING IT ARRIVED. ACTING MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MAS'UD TOLD AMBASSADOR SEPT 3 THAT DELEGATION HAD COME WITH THREE REQUESTS: (A) MILITARY ASSISTANCE: MAS'UD SAID SAG TURNED THUMBS DOWN ON THIS REQUEST, (B) A SPEED UP AND AN INCREASE IN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: MAS'UD SAID SAG HAD PROMISED TO CONSIDER THIS REQUEST, (C) ASSISTANCE IN TRANSPORTING SOMALI LIVESTOCK TO SAUDI ARABIA. SOMALIS SAID THAT 60,000 HEAD LIVESTOCK NOW IN BERBERA PORT AWAITING SHIPMENT TO SAUDI ARABIA WERE DYING OF HUNGER FOR LACK OF TRANSPORT. OF THE FOUR SOMALI SHIPS WHICH HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN TRANSPORTING SOMALI LIVESTOCK ONLY ONE IS CURRENTLY IN SERVICE. SOMALIS ASKED SAUDIS TO DO WHAT THEY COULD TO HELP, EVEN CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF AIRLIFT. (SAUDIS DID AND FOUND AIRLIFT IMPRACTICAL).

4. COMMENT WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT SAUDIS TOLD SOMALIS ABOUT CONCERNS FOR SECURITY OF HORN OF AFRICA THOUGH PRINCE SULTAN HAS PROMISED THE AMBASSADOR A RUNDOWN ON HIS MEETING WITH THE SOMALIS DURING THEIR NEXT MEETING. AT A MINIMUM SOMALIS WERE OBLIGED TO LISTEN TO EXPRESSIONS OF SAUDI CONCERN OVER SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE AREA.
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